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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) San Diego – San Diego Cracking Down on Drones with New Proposed Regulations

(U) Concerned that the increasing popularity of drones could threaten public safety, San Diego officials plan to join a small group of cities across the nation trying to crack down on irresponsible users. A proposed ordinance that would give city police the authority to cite reckless users, including those flying unmanned aerial vehicles near airports and emergency operations, was presented yesterday to the City Council's Public Safety Committee. The legislation, which has been in the works for more than a year, was prompted by multiple incidents when users flew drones near city airports, including San Diego International, or in the flight path of a city airport.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Security Info Watch](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona – ISIL Supporter Sentenced to Prison in Muhammad Cartoon Contest Attack

(U) Phoenix – An Arizona man was sentenced yesterday to 30 years in prison for conspiring to support the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) for his role in planning a May 2015 shooting in Texas. Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem, 45, also was placed on lifetime supervised release during a hearing in federal court in Phoenix for his role in the 3 May 2015 ISIL-inspired attack at a cartoon exhibit in Garland, Texas, featuring images of the Prophet Mohammed. Two co-conspirators, Kareem's former roommates, were killed at the event in a shootout with police.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [FOX News](#)

#### (U) Illinois – Man Faces Hate Crime Charge in Synagogue Vandalism

(U) Chicago – A Chicago man was arrested and charged with a felony hate crime for allegedly smashing the window of a city synagogue and putting swastika stickers on its front door. Stuart Wright, 31, was arrested by the Chicago Police Department on 7 February. He has been charged with one felony count of hate crime to a church or synagogue and one felony count of criminal damage. Police said Wright smashed the large front window of the Chicago Loop Synagogue early on Saturday and affixed swastika stickers to the building's front doors.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Maryland – NSA Contractor Indicted Over Theft of Classified Data

(U) Glen Burnie – A former National Security Agency contractor was indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury on charges he willfully retained national defense information, in what US officials have said may have been the largest heist of classified government information in history. The indictment alleges that Harold Thomas Martin, 52, spent up to 20 years stealing highly sensitive government material from the US intelligence community related to national defense, collecting a trove of secrets he hoarded at his home in Glen Burnie, Maryland. The government has not said what, if anything, Martin did with the stolen data. Martin faces 20 criminal counts, each punishable by up to 10 years in prison, the Justice Department said.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Texas – Texas Mosque Fire Called Arson, Reward Offered**

(U) Victoria – A January fire that gutted a Texas mosque has been ruled arson, with a reward of up to \$30,000 offered for tips leading to arrests, the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said yesterday. The fire at the Victoria Islamic Center, about 125 miles southwest of Houston, was started just hours after US President Donald Trump signed an executive order temporarily barring travel from seven Muslim-majority countries. Authorities have found no evidence linking the fire with the order. US Islamic rights groups have said they saw the fire as part of a growing wave of bigotry toward Muslims in the country.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) France – Eiffel Tower to Get Anti-Terrorist Glass Barrier Around the Base**

(U) Paris – The Eiffel Tower, one of the world's most famous landmarks, will get a glass wall built round its base under a plan to provide extra protection against terrorist attacks. The Eiffel Tower, which gets about seven million visitors a year, already has protective metal fencing around its base, erected temporarily for the Euro football championship of 2016. Glass panels two-and-a-half meters high would be erected around the base of the tower as an anti-terrorist measure if the plans are approved. France has been hit by Islamist militant attacks including bombings and shootings in Paris in November 2015 in which 130 people were killed.

SOURCE: 9 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Germany – Authorities Detain Two Alleged Extremists Involved in Possible Attack Plan**

(U) Goettingen – Police in central Germany detained two men they described as known Islamic extremists today in an investigation of suspected plans for an attack. The men, a 27-year-old Algerian and a 23-year-old Nigerian whose names weren't released, were detained during early-morning searches in and near Goettingen. Both men live in the city and have long been part of the Salafist scene there. Twelve properties were searched in the operation. Information about a possible attack plan had accumulated in recent days to the extent that officials decided to take quick action. Investigators found two weapons, at least one of them a firearm that required no permit but had been altered to fire live ammunition. They also found ammunition, flags of the ISIL and a machete.

SOURCE: 9 February 2017, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Philippines – Government Reports ISIL Has 'Very Strong' Links to Philippine Militants**

(U) Manila – The Philippines is certain of "very strong" links between ISIL and home-grown militants and is concerned about regional repercussions from tension between China and the new US administration, Manila's defense minister said today. Intelligence from various sources had shown Muslim rebels in the southern Philippines had been communicating with ISIL, and funds were being transferred via mechanisms commonly used by Filipino workers in the Middle East. Communications via social media, telephone and text messages had been intercepted and funds were being transferred that were difficult to detect due to the large numbers of Filipinos who regularly remit income from places like Saudi Arabia and the smaller Gulf states.

SOURCE: 9 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Russia – Cyber Expert's Arrest Silences Russian Contacts From Some Western Crime Fighters**

(U) Moscow – Russian cyber-security experts have scaled back cooperation with Western contacts after one of their number was arrested in Moscow on treason charges, making it harder to fight global online crime, US law-enforcement and industry sources say. Despite acrimonious relations between Russia and the United States in recent years, experts on cyber security in both countries say their law enforcement

agencies and private firms had been working together more closely behind the scenes to fight financial fraud and other crimes committed online. But at least some of that cooperation appears to have come to a sudden halt since Ruslan Stoyanov, head of the computer incidents investigation team at Russian cyber security firm Kaspersky Lab, was arrested in December on suspicion of treason.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Turkey – Authorities Detain Four ISIL Suspects, Seize 24 Suicide Attack Belts**

(U) Gaziantep – Police detained four ISIL suspects who were allegedly planning to carry out a "sensational" attack in Turkey and seized 24 suicide attack belts. The latest detentions came as CIA chief Mike Pompeo arrived in Turkey to discuss the fight against the extremist group in Syria and Iraq, making his first overseas trip since taking office. Police found the suicide belts, as well as two automatic rifles, 31 pounds of TNT, cell phones that could be used as detonators and other materials during an anti-terror operation in Gaziantep, near the border with Syria. There were no details on the nationalities of the suspects, who were allegedly taking orders from high-level ISIL members in Syria.

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